(c) and (d) Prasar Bharati has intimated that the number of casual Assistant'News Editors and Copywriters has been reduced in view of the financial constraints and non-availability of posts.

Regularisation of unauthorised colonies

*319. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unauthorised colonies on private and Government land in the National Capital Territory of Delhi at present which are proposed to be regularised;

(b) whether Government have constituted a new Committee to suggest measures to expedite the regularisation process of those colonies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when its report is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) the guidelines for regularisation of unauthorised colonies provide for regularisation of colonies which existed before 31.3.1993 and reflected in the aerial survey carried out by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has been requested to identify and send the list of colonies which could be regularised in terms of the guidelines.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Urban Development), Government of India with Vice Chairman, DDA; Principal Secretary (UD), Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, Commissioner, MCD; Chairman, NDMC; Chairman, Delhi Vidyut Board; Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Jal Board and Joint Secretary (D&L) in the Ministry as members to examine the existing guidelines for regularisation of unauthorised colonies and suggest modifications required, if any, to facilitate their expeditious regularisation. The Committee is likely to submit its report by May, 2002.